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(SUBJECT.)

Forests Sandalwood trees on Thumatta Lands South Havana

D.1 Disposal - Orders passed

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C.F. 17—2-14.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject.

Trees (S.K) Sandalwood
illicit removal

From

Register No.

Refce Os. 1599-24-1 dt 17/5/24

The Board requests that
Govt will be pleased to furnish
it with spare copies of the
following GOs as they are
required for the disposal
of an unofficial reference
from the Govt. R.D (Rev. No. 1816 E/24-1
Development Dept. No. 9123-I/24-3 dt 4-4-24)

(1) GO 421 Rev dt 14-2-17

(2) GO 2298 Rev dt 15-12-21
Development
or Revenue

(3) GO 1690 Rev dt 13-6-17

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T.M

From the Assistant Secy Bdln & Sett.
To the Assistant Secy to Govt a Devt Debt
Trees (South Kanara) Sandalwood
Illicit removal.

Please furnish me with 8 spare copies of the following G.Os as they are required for the disposal of an unofficial refce from the R.S

G.O 421 dt 14.2.17
G.O. 2298 dt 15.12.21
G.O [illegible] dt 13.6.17.

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To AS No reply has yet been received to the above T.M. It may perhaps be received under 10 days' date.

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J.M reminder SN 8/5/24

AS

To A.S

No reply has yet been received to the T.M dt 1.5.24 in spite of the reminder dt 8.5.24. An official refce may perhaps ~~be issued~~ ~~draft submitted~~ AD's remarks on the N.O refce to Govt are is being delayed. The ~~draft~~ refce is marked for both the Devt & the Rev depts

dg 15/5/24

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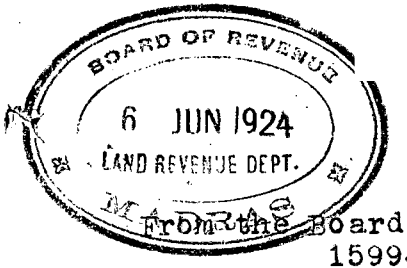

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, No. 1599-24-1, dated 17-5-1924.

SUBJECT:-- Requisition for certain Government Orders relating to sandalwood in South Kanara District

Endorsement No.1621-I/24-1, dated the 4th June 1924.

The Board is furnished with copies of the following Government Orders:

(i) G.O. No. 421, Revenue (Separal), dated 14-2-1917

(ii) G.O No 2298 Development. dated 15-12-1921.

2. In regard to G.O. No 1690 Revenue, dated 13th June 1917 the Board is informed that in that Government Order Government merely recorded the correspondence ending with tne Board's endorsement No.209, dated 22nd May 1917, in regard to the sale of sandalwood in the Presidency

F. Noyce,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement,
(with copies of Government Orders)

(P.T.O.)

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement

(BY ORDER)

L R Rao
5-6-24
SUPERINTENDENT.

G.V.K.4-6-24.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT

Sandalwood Transit Rules. Recording notes connected with a question proposed to be asked at the Legislative Council Meeting held on 6th February 1917 regarding the working of the --------in South Kanara.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Mis. 421, dated 14th February 1917.

Read again:

G.O. No. 297 Revenue, dated 3-2-1915.

Read also:

Question No. 109. THE HON'BLE MR. K. SADASIVA BHAT:

(a) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state

(i) whether new rules have been framed in 1915 for South Kanara in respect of possession and transport of sandalwood?

(ii) whether, under the new rules, pattadars and others are required to register property marks at the District Forest Office?

(iii) whether any and if so how many applications to register property marks have been rejected by the District Forest Officers in their districts?

(iv) whether parties have been prosecuted or made to pay compounding fees, because property marks were not found even on chips or bukni?

(v) whether it is a fact that sandalwood sold by Government to private parties and dealers was in some cases again seized and detained for a considerable time as not bearing property marks?

(vi) whether it is not a fact that some classes of sandalwood from Mysore and Coorg do not bear marks upon them?

(vii) whether it is a fact that Magistrates have commented in judgments on the unworkable or inequitable nature of some of the rules in some cases before them?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to call for a detailed report on these matters and as to whether the sandalwood oil industry in the district is not handicapped by these rules?

Answer. (a) & (b):- The answer to clauses (i) and (ii) is in the affirmative. A report will be called for on the other points raised in the question.

O R D E R:--

R e c o r d e d.

(True Extract)

A. R. Knapp,

Secretary to Government

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ABSTRACT.

Legislative Council Meeting - October 1921 - Question - Sandalwood rules in the South Kanara District.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. Mis. 2298, dated 15th December 1921.

Read the following:--

Question No. 710.- Mr. K. SADASIVA BHAT: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state--

(a) the number of sandalwood stills that have been closed in the last ten years in South Kanara;

(b) if it is a fact that it has been often represented to the Government that the industry in that district suffers from the restrictions under the Sandalwood Transport Rules and the method of working those rules in the district;

(c) whether the Government will call for and obtain a full report from the Collector of South Kanara as to the condition of the industry and the steps that should be taken to help the same.

Answer.- (a) The Government have no information.

(b) No representations regarding the sandalwood industry in South Kanara have been received byGovernment since the revised rules were notified in January 1921 The revised rules were framed after consulting both official and non-official opinion in the district.

(c) The Government are unaware of any sufficient cause for the proposed inquiry and, as at present advised, are not prepared to call for a special report from the Collector.

O R D E R:-

R e c o r d e d.
(By Order of the Governor in Council)

J. M. Turing,
Secretary to Government.

Trees (S. Kanara) Sandalwood — Treatment — W.O. from Govt

R. 1599/24

JOA.S Please see the secty notes at pp 1-12 N.7 and the summing up of the Devt Secy at p. 13 N.7. The Forests with what remarks the file should be returned to Govt. Although unreserved lands including Kumaries are controlled by the Rev. Deptt the income is credited to Forests and it is the Forest Deptt that is interested not only on account of the revenue derived but also on account of the fact that sandalwood is valuable timber only recently that at the instance of the Forest Govt Government passes orders in (L) to encourage kumeekaras to look after sandal trees. The proposal to destroy the present growth on Kumeki lands will not be in accordance with the spirit of this G.O. and the general policy of the F. Deptt It does not seem that such a

The present file starts with the Hon'ble Mr Kha note at page 1 above. It is based on the Complaint of the Member representing S. Kanara that the ryots have a legitimate grievance in that they are frequently held responsible for thefts of Sandalwood from Kumaki's which it is impossible for them to prevent. The remedy proposed by the DC Member is the suppression of private stills which are fed entirely with Sandalwood stolen from Kumaki lands by unknown thieves. If the stills are closed thefts of sandalwood would cease and the ryots would no longer be held responsible for the loss of Sandalwood trees from the Kumaki lands & they would no longer be punished by fines or withdrawal of Kumaki privileges — please see the Development Secy's note at page 6 above.

we have any power to suppress such stills

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My Hon'ble the Conductions of Sirsi Kanara do well that it is unnecessary for the office to note on this question. Proceeding from the tendencies of ryots everywhere generally it can hardly be assumed that they are innocent of what is going on in the Kumaki lands under their engagement. It is impossible for thefts to go on a large scale with their knowledge. It pays them to connive at thefts because the ownership of the trees rests in the

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reserved trees will be cut or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Forest Deptt" Under rule 7-A (3) of the rules framed under sec 26 of the Forest act, "reserved trees should not be cut without a permit "duly issued by a forest officer or other person authorized by the Collr on that behalf, but that such permits shall if the D.F.O or other authorized person sees no objection be issued free on application

Apparently permits for sandalwood trees are rarely applied for and granted free: Ryots naturally prefer the illicit removal of trees as it puts them to the trouble formality of obtaining the D.F.O. permits With a view to meet the wishes of the ryots halfway govt have ordered at the instance of the Chief Conservator that if a sandalwood tree cut by the Forest Deptt contains no heartwood it should be given away to the Kumaki dar free & that if it contains heartwood the Forest Deptt will take the tree & pay the Kumaki dar 1/3 value of the tree Calculated at the rates in force on that date. This means that upto date the ryots benefit by the concessions given for preserving the sandalwood and the ryots benefit by such Conservation. This order was passed on Nov 22 and it has not been ascertained from the Collr or the Conservator how far this order has been effective in preventing the clandestine removal of sandalwood from

this arrangement a fair trial before any fresh change is introduced

JM
20/6/24

I do not believe that we can close skills which is the request made by the M.L.C. Even to control them would require legislation

I don't suppose Govt will change their minds & now approve the proposal made by me to uproot all sandal trees on Kumaki lands. Unless therefore we procrastinate on the ground suggested by Mr. above we must apparently agree to some weakening of the rules as suggested by Development Secy

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afraid of the very considerable Kumaka by stolen. They showed off to the D.C. to come & cut them & now pay them ⅓ of the value. If the Kumakadoms do not ~~pay~~ there seems to be any way out of the difficulty. It must become the hope to dispose of the true ebony by selling them to the owners of the still.

As a matter of fact there is very little place in most cases.

The Kumaka are, on the contrary, when the landowner is an absentee sells the tree to the still-owner.

The tree does not grow as by D. & J. Thomas on in tracts scheduled or higher elevation, & true contains heart-wood are rare, and the grievance is a small one in any case & the remedy has already been provided by law.

W.L.
2.VII.24

To AS

Draft Rpt. It will be wise to consider your

ds Secty note at p. 14 N. 7.

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Please see the statement
made on p 6 by (C) No. 297
Rev H. S II 15 that

suggested that every
London would be shocked
& approached

In 1914 I asked the
Bd office to find out
the origin of this statement,
but it seems it has been
overlooked

I do not remember having
made any such suggestion
& before dealing with the
pl— I should like
thorough search made
to find out the origin
of the report

Please refer
part of all to the Sec B.O.
& what is now made

Mel
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ON
Trace Ulster
WA
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Please perhaps prepared
records from your section

TOAS please see M's remarks in the slip below
No definite authority is traceable for M's statement
referred to at page 6 of (C) beyond the
Carr's statement that M1 as COLTO at one
time suggested etc - at p. 3 (N.7) of BSP. No. 600/Ress
(Forest) 8726.3.15 Action on this statement
of the Carr that the draft printed at page
6 of (C) is based Refce is in this connection
solicited to the O.N at page 110 of (H)
To be more definite the file may perhaps be
referred now to the Chief Conservator & he
may be requested to have a thorough search
made among his office records for the
authority of the statement made by the
Carr at p. 3. N.7 of BSP at (P) Two orders.

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This may be tried
sd
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This will mean that we should see the
file again for ages There is nothing definite
to search for it could be a pure fluke
if the Forest Dept came on anything
definite The Carr may be speaking not
from recollection of anything in a file
& may have been mistaken
If M. wishes it further enquiry
will be made if CE
sd 2/7/24

Very well In the N.O reply we

will add a para that the Can Scholemias
is without foundation & S. would prove
this a word or two but as S. Konara
& no one could upset us if they tried

PHJ.

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C.F. 17—2-14.

OFFICE NOTE.

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Subject.

Trees (S. Kanara) Sandalwood - ~~Treatment~~ ~~Pol'n~~ - Illicit removal - Protection of kumarkidars — Bd's remarks offered

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B. ~~1599~~ 17/12/24

Secy Reply ~~Resolution omitted~~

1. The Board considers that the orders issued by Govt in Sec mis 1461 Dept dt 4.11.22. amply protect all honest kumarkidars from annoyance if they are afraid of any sandalwood trees standing on their kumarkies being stolen they should apply to the D.F.O to come & cut them and pay them $\frac{1}{3}^{rd}$ of the value if the kumarkidars do not avail themselves of this offer was not of the difficulty it must be because they hope to dispose of the trees illicitly by selling them to the owners of the stills. As a matter of fact this is what takes place in most cases // The kumarkida/

his tenant unless the landowner is an absentee. Sells the tree to the Still owner

The Sandalwood tree does not grow as big in South Kanara as in Wynaad, Situation at a higher elevation and trees containing heartwood are rare ~~and the~~ The grievance is a small one in any case and the remedy has already been provided by Govt

2. ~~The first member of the Board~~ (Mr M.E. Cotterman I.C.S) does not remember having ever made any proposal to uproot all sandalwood trees. It would be sufficient to do so. like a weed as the trees grow | propensely in many parts of the district.

Mr Carr's statement ~~on which the above information is based~~ in ~~file~~ Bd's Rep (Foolscap) 45/4 GT-14-3 D 17.11.14. printed at page 6 of Govt No. 297 Rev. dt 3.2.15 — ~~to which any foundation~~

Mr Carr's statement embodied in para 3 of the Govt Report at page 6 of Govt (C) 297 Revd 3.2.15, and opened to me Mr Noyce's note at page 13 ante that Mr Cotterman above time suggested the uprooting of all sandalwood trees large or small to obviate loss by theft, ~~is from which~~ appears to have been made under a misapprehension ~~foundation~~ The Govt has been unable to trace any authority for this statement * the Board's first member cannot remember Govt ever having made such a proposal

5/7/24

Secy

To the Secy to Govt R.D. with C.F.D.N.2 vol 8

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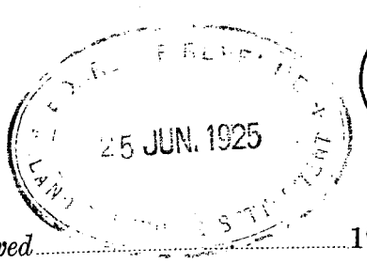

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Abstract.

Forests - Sandalwood trees on Kumaki lands - South Kanara District - Disposal Orders passed. to record

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 891. Mis., dated 16th June 1925.

READ the following papers:—

ENCLOSURES.

No. .....

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G.O. No. 1461 Development, dated 4th November 1922. ---
Memorandum No. 738-1 /24-7 dated to the Chief Conservato of Forests.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests No. 8230/24-2 date 4th April 1925.

O r d e r:-

In the circumstances reported by the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Collector the Government consider it inadvisable to continue the policy of encouraging the growth of sandalwood trees on kumaki lands in the South Kanara District as laid down in G.O. No. Mis., 1461, Development dated 4th November 1922. They accordingly direct that sandalwood trees should be uprooted as soon as possible and sold in public auction.

(By order of the Governor-in-Council)

G.T.H. Bracken,
Secretary to Government.

the Chief Conservator of Forests.
the Revenue Department.

F o r w a r d e d.
(By Order)

A.C.A. Superintendent.

Revenue Department.

Endorsement No.3465 C/25-1, dated 24th June 1925.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

V. Ponnuswami Pillai
Assistant Secretary

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement.

F o r w a r d e d.

(By Order)

Superintendent.

N.M.

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